

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 677

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Sammie Holloway for thirty years of meritorious service to the Breath of Life Christian Center in Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such committed pastor and church leader is Dr. Sammie Holloway, who has faithfully led the flock at the Breath of Life Christian Center in Memphis for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, an assiduous scholar, Dr. Holloway earned his AAS degree in Data Processing from State Technical Institute and his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Friends International Christian University; and

WHEREAS, before hearing the divine call to the ministry, Sammie Holloway served with acumen and alacrity as a Senior Computer Programmer and Systems Analysts at the Cleo Wrap Corporation, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, standing as a shining example of Christ's love and forgiveness, Dr. Holloway tirelessly contributes his time and tremendous talents as the founder, pastor, and chief executive officer of Breath of Life Christian Center Church, a highly respected, world-outreaching, trans-denominational Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, under his astute leadership, that venerable religious institution opened its doors on July 11, 1982, and has continued to flourish throughout its history, adding a beautiful sanctuary, Family Life Center, and Breath of Life International Ministry Center to accommodate its growth in membership and establishing the Breath of Life Christian Academy, and Breath of

Life Pastor and Teacher Training Institute as part of the Breath of Life Ministerial Development Institute; and

WHEREAS, this stalwart servant of the Lord is a respected member of the Fellowship of International Christian Word of Faith Ministries, and he has rendered sterling service on its Board of Directors and as its Regional director; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sammy Holloway is the author of *The Genesis of Tithing*, *The Power of Holiness*, *The Christian Family*, and *Fruitful Living for Christian Singles* and has taken his powerful voice and inspiring message to India, Haiti, Jamaica, Nigeria, and Uganda; and

WHEREAS, always seeking new ways to provide hope and communicate God's love to his community and the world, this steadfast servant of the Almighty founded United Ministries International, Breath of Life Christian Academy in Taifer, Haiti, and Keys to Life Media Ministry; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Holloway has received recognition from the Memphis City Council, Shelby County Government, Tennessee Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., and Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sammie Holloway truly exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and a humble servant of God, Dr. Holloway has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many members of the Breath of Life Christian Center; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Dr. Sammie Holloway for thirty years of meritorious service to the Breath of Life Christian Center in Memphis, salute his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living a Christian life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his fruitful ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.